

Reynolds, GA – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02) today presented a check to Flint Cable, celebrating a Federal broadband investment totaling \$8,191,826. Funding for Flint Cable, and other broadband projects around the country, was provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, commonly called, “The Stimulus bill,” which was signed into law in February of 2009.

Mr. Bishop said, “Broadband will help rural communities like Reynolds to more fully participate in our recovering economy, while we continue to modernize rural education and health care. It will create economic opportunities for rural businesses throughout Georgia, allowing them to take advantage of technology to help them remain profitable and competitive.”

The Stimulus bill provided a total of \$7 billion through the Departments of Commerce (Broadband Technology Opportunities Program) and Agriculture (Broadband Initiatives Program) to bring broadband to communities where there is little or no access.

Round two of stimulus broadband funding, which will provide a total of \$4.8 billion nationwide, is currently underway. Presently, there are applications pending for Southwest Georgia companies.

The investment in Flint Cable is only the second Broadband project approved by the Federal Government in the entire State of Georgia, to date.

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